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- 1. WE HAVE NOTED IN THE PRESS SUMMARY FOR 14 MARCH (REFTEL) THAT DE BRIS AND MENRAS MAY TESTIFY BEFORE THE SFRC. THESE ARE THE TWO YOUNG FRENCH TEACHERS WHO WERE JAILED AFTER RAISING THE NLF FLAG BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING IN SAIGON. THEY WERE RELEASED AND EXPELLED BY THE GVN LATE LAST YEAR. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, BOTH WERE HELD IN THE SAME CELLS WITH VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS AT CHI HOA CORRECTION CENTER, AND CAN THEREFORE BE EXPECTED TO GIVE TESTIMONY WITH THE GING OF AUTHENTICITY.
- 2. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH CONSUL IN SAIGON, BOTH MEN ARE "FAIRLY NEUROTIC." ONE HAD BEEN FIRED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT FROM HIS TEACHING POSITION, AND THE OTHER'S CONTRACT WAS UNDER REVIEW AS A RESULT OF "INSUBORDINATION." THIS BACKGROUND MAY BE OF VALUE TO THE DEPARTMENT IN COUNTERING OR AT LEAST BLUNTING THE IMPACT OF THE MORE SENSATIONAL PARTS OF THEIR TESTIMONY MAY HAVE IN THE MEDIA.

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